

Title:	Adult Social Care Local Account 2012/13		
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Directorate/Department:	Corporate Affairs		
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Purpose of the paper

- 1.1 The Government in 2011 introduced Local Accounts to provide greater transparency on adult social care information which enables accountability for performance to be held locally, and for citizens to feel empowered to challenge or commend local services.
- 1.2 This is the second Local Account in Torbay and it covers the year 2012/13. The account includes a variety of qualitative and quantitative information framed around the key outcomes that the NHS and the Council agreed at the start of the year.
- 1.3 This year's Local Account reflects the feedback received last year from members as well taking into account the lack of appetite for glossy publications during these times of austerity.
- 1.4 The Purpose of the Local Account is two-fold- firstly to look back on the previous 12 months in view of performance and achievements and secondly to set the context for the new financial year and help shape the debate and requirements of the next Annual Strategic Agreement between the Council and the Trust.
- 1.5 The Trust and the Council are hoping that the Local Account informs the people of Torbay how they have performed against the key Outcomes in 2012/13 but more importantly provides the public with information they might not have otherwise been aware of and could help them in the future. We have taken the opportunity to use feedback from the public via formal surveys undertaken during the year as opposed to specific consultation on this document although comments on the Local Account are being sought from Healthwatch colleagues and Experts by Experience Members as well as from Overview and Scrutiny members.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 Members are asked to review the draft Local Account, provide any comments or amendments where necessary for this year's publication and future publications.

3. Next Steps

- 3.1 The draft local account will be presented to members of Torbay and Southern Devon Health and Care NHS Trust Board on the 26 June 2013 for review with final approval being sought from full Council in July 2013.
- 3.2 The intention once approved is to make the Local Account available in Libraries, GP surgeries and on the Trust website in the first instance.